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NEWS TODAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO IS HORRIBLE

Entire City Has Been Destroyed by the Fires That Followed In Earthquake's Path.

Hunger and Starvation Stares the People in the Face and the Grief of the Stricken City Beggars All Description.

Measures For Relief Are Quickly Adopted And Assistance Come From Sympathetic Country.

The news from San Francisco to-day is simply appalling and almost beyond the grasp of the average mind.

Every bulletin but adds to the horrors of the situation, and it is known positively that the entire city is doomed.

The water supply is entirely gone and the fires are raging in every section of the city.

The efforts to stem the flames' progress by blowing up the buildings in its path have failed and the powder supply is gone.

There are probably over 100,000 families homeless, and starvation and thirst have added to the terrors of an awful condition.

The federal government has done all it could for the suffering city, and prompt relief has been sent by every city in the country.

The towns that escaped along the coast are doing all they can, but the work cannot afford much relief until the fires are extinct.

The damage has extended to many of the coast towns, and the fears of a tidal wave have been added to the dangers yet confronting the stricken people.

At 11 o'clock the local office of the Postal Telegraph company received this important message from San Francisco, via Oakland: It is the first news since yesterday afternoon:

"Fire still raging. No water except along Bay shore. Dynamiting buildings in an effort to check the flames. Powder supply almost gone, even the powder in the government arsenal is exhausted. Fire cannot be checked until it burns itself out. Every building in the business section and half of the residential section is destroyed and not a large building is left."

The story, as told in messages received today, follows:

THE VISITATION GENERAL.

New York, April 19.—The earthquake visitation felt so seriously on the Pacific slope was a general one. It was felt almost entirely over the states and as far south as the Danish West Indian Islands. There are few reports of damages elsewhere than in California, however.

A St. Thomas dispatch says Mount Pelee and La Soufriere volcanoes became active on the night of the 17th and are still in eruption. No damages are mentioned and none probably had occurred up to the report.

A San Jose, Costa Rica, cable says four earthquake shocks in close succession rocked the buildings there on Wednesday morning, but did no damage.

A Masatlan, Mex., dispatch mentions severe shocks there also yesterday morning but without damages.

SAY THE ROCKY

MOUNTAINS SLIPPED.

W. W. Atwood and O. C. Farrington, geological professors in Chicago universities, attribute the disaster in San Francisco and that section to the moving of the Rocky mountains, which they say are growing more or less at all times. Each say a slight slip of the mountains and no other

reason caused the great disaster.

HICKS PREDICTS EARTH-

QUAKE AT ST. LOUIS.

Prof. Ira R. Hicks, of St. Louis, attributes the cause of the California earthquake to sun spots, which he says means more such disturbances. He predicts earthquake shocks will be felt in St. Louis and over the Mississippi and Ohio valleys in a few days or nights. He don't fear any great damages.

MORE DETAILED REPORT.

San Francisco, April 19.—Thousands of people are today homeless and are wandering in the parks seeking shelter. There are probably no homes in the city which have escaped damage and the loss of life.

The city is under martial law and all the down district is patrolled by soldiery. Details of troops are guarding the banks.

Most all of the public buildings are totally destroyed, and over the entire city hangs a dense pall.

The tall steel buildings stood the shock better than any others with the exception of the new Monadnock building adjoining the Palace hall. This crumbled and went down.

Docks and freight along the waterways slid into the water.

The Valencia hotel literally sank into the ground.

The Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto is a complete wreck. It cost over \$20,000,000.

The Cliff house and the pleasure resorts adjoining have been swept into the sea.

The government mint is ablaze and it looks as if it won't be saved.

The exact loss of life will never be known as many of the bodies have been literally burned up in the flames.

The mayor has appointed a committee of safety and ordered the bakeries and milk stations to harbor their food supply for the homeless.

The Call building went with the others and the flames leaped across Stevenson street and attacked Claus Spreckles' 15-story stone and iron structure.

The Palace hotel, the rear of which was constantly threatened, was the scene of much excitement, the guests leaving in haste, many with only the clothing they wore. Finding that the hotel, being surrounded on all sides by streets was likely to remain immune, many returned.

The Parrot building in which were located the chambers of the saettitt located the chambers of the state supreme court and lower floors of an immense department store were ruined, though its massive walls were not all destroyed.

Banks and commercial houses, supposed to be fire proof burned quickly and the roar of the flames could be heard on the hills out of the danger zone. Here thousands of people congregated and witnessed an awful scene. Great sheets of flames rose high in the heavens or rushed down some narrow street, joining midway between the sidewalks and making a horizontal chimney of a former passageway. The flames were so dense that arose from the entire business

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GREAT SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP

Last Night One of Intense Terror and Grandeur.

The City Resembled One Vast Semblage of Wandering and Distressed People.

THE FLAMES RISE SKYWARD.

San Francisco, April 19.—The suffering and hardships beggars description. Countless numbers of residents of the poorer section of the city, including Chinese, Japanese and the Italian quarters have been rendered homeless. Unless supplies and aid reach the city within 24 hours starvation will add to the awful calamity. Never has the fate of a city been more disastrous. For three miles along the Water front buildings have been swept clean and last night blackened beams and great skeletons of factories and offices stand silhouetted against a background of flame that is slowly spreading over the entire city. The whole commercial and office section of the city on the north side of Market street from the Ferry building on Tenth street has been consumed in the hell of flame while hardly a building is standing in the district south of Market street. Block after block of banking houses are now masses of red hot ruin and it will be months before the money housed in the valuable vaults can be reached.

The exact loss of life never will be known as hundreds of unfortunates have been incinerated in the flames which made the rescue of those buried under toppling steeples and falling walls impossible. Temporary morgues were improved at many points only to be razed by flames. Last night the city resembled one vast semblage with the red glare of fire throwing weird shadows across the worn and panic-stricken faces of the homeless who wandered the streets or slept on piles of mattresses and clothing in the parks and on the sidewalks in those districts not yet reached by the fire, forgetting for a moment the terrible suffering, physical and financial that trails in the wake of disaster. The scene presented by the flames was one of unspeakable grandeur. Looking over the city from the hill, the flames could be seen rolling skyward for miles and miles, while in the midst of tongues of red fire were to be seen black skeletons and falling towers of doomed buildings.

Aoki in Vancouver.

Vancouver B. C., April 19.—Viscount Aoki, the first Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived here this evening on the Empress of China.

MORE SHOCKS THIS AFTERNOON

Los Angeles Suffers Shock This Afternoon—Worst Feared.

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New York, April 19, 4 p. m.—The Western Union received the following from the operator at Los Angeles at 3:45 this afternoon: "Western Union building here is rocking like a boat."

Washington, April 19, 4 p. m.—A message to the war department from Los Angeles says an earthquake occurred there this afternoon. Immediately after the shock connection with Los Angeles ceased.

THE LATEST 4 P. M.
Oakland, April 19.—Scores of towns within hundreds of miles of San Francisco are completely destroyed. Loss of life will probably exceed that in San Francisco. Property worth more than \$50,000,000 is wiped out. Santa Rosa, Agnews, Napa and Salinas is almost obliterated. Santa Cruz, Monterey, Gilroy, Hollister, are wrecked. Loss of life, Santa Cruz, a large terminal island beach resort, 20 miles from here, is reported destroyed by a tidal wave. Leland Stanford University is in ruins, and scores are believed to be lying dead at San Jose and Santa Rosa, while here and there a seaside resort along the coast is entirely wiped out by a tidal wave.

RELIEF GOING TO STRICKEN PRISCO

Messages of condolence and proffers for relief are pouring into San Francisco from every quarter of the globe, and it is appreciated. The death and destruction is almost beyond conception say the late advisers.

Special meetings of the city legislative bodies are being held in the larger cities and contributions of money and supplies are being solicited.

Paducah will and should do her part, whatever it may be, and to ward lending an assisting hand The Sun will accept donations with the assurance that it will be forwarded to the proper authorities at once.

Donations can be made in anything, but of course money is preferable. Already The Sun has received several contributions, and it hopes for more.

Either mail your contribution to The Sun or telephone the office and your names will be enrolled.

Friedman, Keller & Co have started the fund with a generous donation of \$100.

Other donations in cash to the amount of \$25 have been received. The list follows:
Friedman, Keller & Co. \$100.00
The Sun 10.00
Sundries 10.00
Hummel Bros. 5.00
Richard Rudy 5.00

Washington, April 19.—The senate today adopted a resolution appropriating a half million dollars for the relief of San Francisco sufferers.

Gen. Funston Wires Washington the City is Practically Gone== Wants Tents and Rations.

Last Night Conditions and Scenes and Conditions Today Distressing Beyond Description Probably Worst Yet to Come

Entire World Anxious For And Thinking Of othing Else In Face Of This Dreadful Calamity.

TIDAL WAVE MAY COME ANY TIME

Thousands are Homeless, With Hunger and Thirst Added.

Fires Are Still Raging, Now Reached Residence Portion of the City.

ALL BEGGARS DESCRIPTION.

San Francisco, April 19, 10 a. m.—The Postal Telegraph company now has four wires running into the city and they are heavily freighted with messages as can be surmised.

It has announced in every office in the country that it will accept free any messages offered by mayors of cities and other organizations pertaining to the relief of the city.

General Funston has just wired the authorities at Washington that they cannot send too many tents as there are fully over 200,000 homeless.

All the government houses have gone down in ruins and the fire still rages intensely.

Dread of a tidal wave, which usually follows earthquakes has seized the terror-stricken people of San Francisco and the coast towns, and thousands are fleeing to the hills. Many, almost too frightened to move, are huddled in the parks. Actual hunger already is added to the suffering, and food must be had today. The supply of drinking water is cut, and thousands are thirsting. A hundred thousand are homeless in the city. Thirty-five fires are raging.

Fire is still raging and working eastward. The crash of falling walls are heard on every side. The groans of the wretched people pinned in wreckage, doomed to a slow death, as flames crawl upon them, is terrible. Flames have reached the residence district and are raging uncontrolled. Several square miles are on fire. No wire connects the city direct with the outside world.

Points to Murder.

Wooster, Ohio, April 19.—James Dreenan disappeared mysteriously from his home two weeks ago. He had considerably money. His blood-stained clothing has been found in an empty box car at New Berlin, Ohio. It is believed he was murdered by tramps.

Young Rhodes Doing Well.

Walter Rhodes, who was so seriously injured a few days since by a playmate hitting him in the head with a rock and crushing his skull, is resting as well as could be expected. A few days more is necessary to tell the result of the lad's injuries.

Attentive is the name of Britain's latest 25-knot scout ship.

Washington, April 19.—Following received from Gen. Funston today: "Impossible to inform you of the full extent of the disaster. The city is practically destroyed. Troops are aiding police. Martial law not declared. Cannot send too many tents and rations. Probably 200,000 people are homeless. All government buildings in city gone."

The war department immediately ordered tents and two hundred thousand rations sent from nearest point.

All of San Francisco's best play houses are a mass of ruins. The earthquake demolished them for all practical purposes and the fire completed the work of demolition. The Riado and Casserly buildings burned as was everything in that district.

Washington, April 19.—The later reports show that the earlier reports of the damage and loss of life in San Francisco were greatly underestimated.

Ten thousand are homeless at Santa Rosa.

Santa Rosa's Fate.
Oakland, April 19.—The latest reports from Santa Rosa state the town is practically wrecked. Rumored loss of life there will reach from five to eight hundred. Not a business building escaped destruction.

Insurance Situation.

New York, April 19.—Fire insurance men in this city were deeply interested in the San Francisco news from a professional standpoint as well as from natural horror at the disaster and sympathy for the victims. As an insurance proposal the status of the ruin by fire in the California metropolis can not be determined until complete returns are received.

Whether the fire insurance companies are to be heavy losers or are to escape a most all loss will depend entirely upon how the devastating fires in San Francisco following the earthquakes prove to have originated.

If any building fell before it took fire the companies carrying risks are not responsible for the loss. If any building took fire from an adjoining building the companies are responsible for the loss on the latter structure if insured.

Few of the large companies transact their western business through the New York offices, and the officials here were not posted, as a rule, as to the amounts carried in San Francisco, or as to the character of the policies used in that city.

Insurance Will Be Paid.

The insurance companies have announced that no discrimination will be made in the payment of losses, and all will be paid.

At present the loss is placed at over one hundred million dollars, which is the greatest loss of property occasioned by an element at any time. The loss at Baltimore two years ago was forty million.

This is one measure of gratulation, as otherwise great fortunes are swept away. As it is, men who were rich before are penniless now.

New York, April 19.—According to a despatch received by the Western Union, the whole city of San Francisco is about gone, especially that portion south of Market street.

New York, April 19.—A Western Union despatch from San Francisco late last night places the number of dead at 2500. The fire is still burning.

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